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PLEASE NOTE: Due to the July 4th holiday, our membership meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 3, was canceled.

Our next regular meeting, the Board Meeting, is scheduled for Friday, July 18, at 9:30 a.m., when the Board of Directors will meet via Zoom.

If you'd like to sit in, here's the link: <https://zoom.us/j/98768495293?pwd=f6FfhFVSVVRFBax5QVKLnT3W7oCeAb.1>
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The submission deadline for the upcoming August 2025 newsletter is July 25.

Send your submissions to our editor, Marion Guthrie, at vp-communications@jccwmg.org and copy our vice president of projects, Gary Griffith, at vp-projects@jccwmg.org.

The newsletter layout is graciously donated by [Odd Moxie](#).



The James City County Williamsburg Master Gardener Association is a volunteer-driven non-profit that supports the outreach mission of the Virginia Cooperative Extension by utilizing research-based information to educate the public on the best practices in sustainable horticulture and environmental stewardship in our communities, which include Williamsburg, James City, Charles City, Upper York, and New Kent counties.



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President's Message

Saving Trees

DAVE KLEPPINGER '16

One of the things I have enjoyed about my cellphone is its ability to serve as my administrative assistant in a single device that I can hold in my hand and carry in my pocket. No more file cabinets stuffed with paper, albums filled with photographs, tables, chairs, and floor space covered in magazines, books, and newspapers. All this information is readily available and stored in my cellphone.

We have begun responding to clients with emails that include digital informational links, rather than sending paper documents. Landscape Love and Turf Love now email letters and files to clients. And if clients have a real or nostalgic need for paper and ink, it's on them.

We are also moving in this direction with the Farmer's Market. Association Tech Guru Wayne Koenig has added the use of QR Codes to our ability to provide clients with the information they need effortlessly. We are creating a QR Coded Resource Book linked to internet sites having the information most requested by residents.

For example, if a resident asked for information on pruning, we open the Resource Book to Pruning Resources and the resident uses their cellphone camera app to open the depicted QR Codes and immediately has digital copies of our pruning manual and videos, an access link for finding an ISA-credentialed arborist and an informational link to 1000 trees and woody shrubs within the data rich VT Dendrology.

Providing information on the tools and techniques necessary to keep our trees healthy makes more sense than cutting trees down for paper.



Master Gardener Meeting Programs

The Basics of Food Preservation

Dr. Lester Schonberger

Department of Food Science and Technology
Virginia Tech

Thursday, August 7, 2025
9:00am - 10:00am



The Basics of Food Preservation

You and your friends are invited to join the James City County Williamsburg Master Gardeners on Thursday, August 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. for a special Zoom presentation by Dr. Lester Schonberger.

This presentation is available exclusively via Zoom on your home computer at this link -<https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/85215290780?from=addon>, or you can attend the televised presentation at the Williamsburg Library Auditorium.

Dr. Schonberger, an Associate Extension Specialist with the Department of Food Science and Technology, will guide us through the fascinating world of food preservation. Whether you have a small backyard garden, purchase from local farmers' markets, or are simply interested in how we keep food safe and fresh, understanding the basics of food preservation is essential.

Note that the Zoom link for our membership meeting, which directly follows this program, is the same link we have used all year: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82108796113?pwd=3X7YO9ErCRcHj17dC2hmvSram4Yg79.1>.

For questions, contact Crystal Skeeter-Davis at crystalskeeterdavis@gmail.com.

Business Notes

ZOOM BOARD MEETING ON JULY 18

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TALLAMY TALK ON SEPTEMBER 11

Saving Nature with your Yard

Join us on September 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Jamestown High School for a captivating evening with Doug Tallamy! The Williamsburg Garden Club is bringing this incredibly engaging speaker, and creator of Homegrown National Park, to our community! Get ready to learn from this renowned environmentalist as he shares his expertise on inviting nature back into your yard and why it's so important. The event is free, but you must reserve your spot. [Here's the link](#). You'll also be able to visit exhibitor booths from local conservation groups, including our own, who will share tips and resource information, so you don't have to "go it alone". Reserve your spot now (limit of four tickets per person) and be sure to bring cash for our exciting raffle items! Doors open at 6:00 pm, and the program starts at 7:00 pm.



Nelda and Jim Pressly Bid Farewell

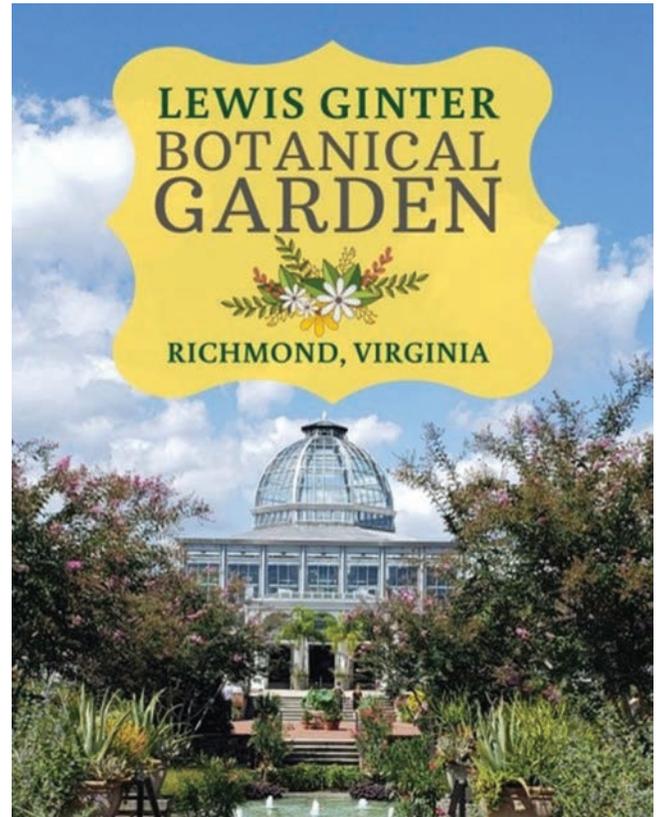
During the Membership Meeting on June 5, we expressed a heartfelt and grateful farewell to Nelda and Jim Pressly. Longtime members of the James City County Williamsburg Master Gardener Association who have supported the Association's activities for over 38 years, including growing many plants for our annual plant sale.

Explore Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden

Bring a Friend!

Mark your calendar for September 11, 2025, and prepare for an inspiring journey through the stunning Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden. Spanning 50 acres, this breathtaking destination features a variety of themed gardens and a grand, classical domed conservatory, the only one of its kind in the mid-Atlantic. Learn more about this tour, including the cost, ordering your picnic lunch, and reserving your tickets, on our website.

Here's the link <https://jccwmg.org/wordpress/lewis-ginter-reg>. Why not secure your spot and one for a friend today? This event is also open to our gardening friends. For more information, contact Janet Fender (jsfender2@gmail.com) or Crystal Skeeter-Davis (crystalskeeterdavis@gmail.com).



VMGA Report, June 19, 2025

Unit Representative, **MARILYN RIDDLE**, '01

The annual Virginia Master Gardener Association (VMGA) meeting was held in conjunction with EMG College on Saturday night, June 14, in the Torgerson Hall auditorium at Virginia Tech. We had three members of our unit attend. Since they have been back for less than a week, I will reach out to them to see if they want to share any of their thoughts at the August general meeting.

The budget was approved, and all committee chairs presented their reports. There were very few people in attendance, which wasn't unusual, as it typically doesn't attract a large crowd because it is held after a full day of classes. A reception was held nearby.

I am proud to announce another VMGA Education Event at Virginia State University (Virginia's other land-grant institution) on September 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Details are being finalized, but I know the session will focus on Vegetables and Food Preservation. There will be a nominal fee, and VMGA members will receive a discounted price.

As you may know, Virginia Tech was established as a land-grant college in 1872 under the provisions of the first Morrill Act. Virginia State was founded in 1882 as the first fully state-supported four-year institution of higher education for African Americans in the United States. It became a land-grant college in 1890.

There will be annual leaders' training sessions at specific 4-H centers or at the VT/UVA center in Richmond this fall. I plan to attend since I haven't been to one in over five years. This opportunity is usually offered to the units' boards due to site capacity.

The mission of the Virginia Master Gardener Association is to foster communication, education, and fellowship among Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener volunteers. For more information and to join this association, go to vmga.net.

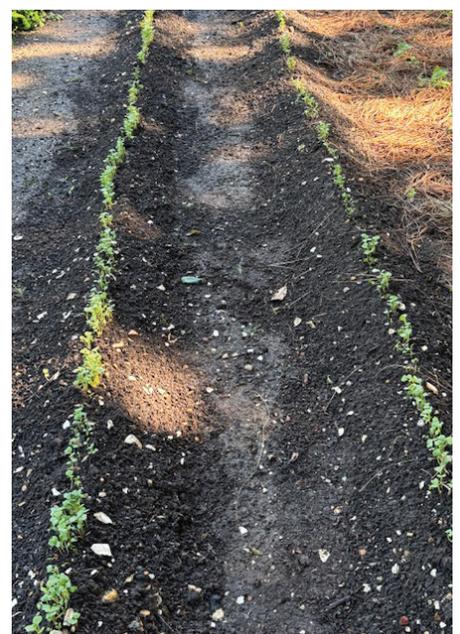


Growing Vegetables in Shields

PAT ABRAHAM '10

The early temperatures on June 20th were perfect for gardening. Rick, Sandra, and Tom came to handle manicuring chores. With the rain from the previous night, there was no need to water. We trimmed and weeded. The crew also took some time to plan

next week's chores. With pole beans climbing about halfway up the poles, and the potatoes, cannellini beans, and peppers thriving, we're very happy with how everything looks. The sweet potatoes planted last week are already vining.



Home Food Production Basics

Preparing the Garden Bed

JANET ROCHESTER, '24

Tools and Soil Preparation

If you are starting a vegetable garden in an area that is already tilled, you likely have all the necessary tools, and the soil will require minimal preparation. If you start from a lawn or an untilled area, you will need some hand tools, and the soil will need attention.

Tools

Start with a few basic tools: a digging spade, a garden fork, a rake, and a trowel are enough to get you started. If you decide to continue gardening, it's time to add to your tool collection, as you can purchase specific tools that you need. Buy the best tools that you can afford. They will be reliable, sturdy, and last for many years. Some of my most valuable tools are over 50 years old.



Soil Preparation

The first step in soil preparation is to remove any existing ground cover plants, weeds, stones, and debris. This is best done in the summer. An effective way to eliminate weeds is to cover the ground with landscape cloth or a black, impermeable cover. The increased heat and lack of light will kill most plants.

The next step, although it can be done concurrently with the removal of existing cover, is a thorough soil analysis. It will provide you with information on your soil, including any components or nutrients it lacks, as well as the soil's acidity. An ideal soil will have roughly equal proportions of sand and clay, 3-5% organic matter, and up to 50% air space, to give the soil a consistency similar to that of chocolate cake.

Plant nutrients are classified as macronutrients and micronutrients. The macronutrients are nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K). Plants require many micronutrients, but they are generally abundant in soils and do not need to be supplemented. Depending on the previous use of the area, your soil may have an excess or a deficiency of any of these nutrients. The soil test will indicate whether your soil needs any amendments.

Soil acidity

Most plants grow best in slightly acidic soil, with a pH of around 6.5. The soil test will indicate how far your soil is from the ideal and provide information on the additives you need to apply to achieve it. A too-acid soil is usually corrected by adding lime, while a too-alkaline soil is corrected by adding sulfur.

Patsy's Pesky Pathogens: Rust

PATSY MCGRADY '10

Rust is a fungal infection. The signs are deposits of powdery rust-colored or brown spores on plant surfaces. The fungus deprives the plant leaves of essential nutrients. An infected plant will have the following symptoms:

- Yellowing or discoloration of leaves
- Pustules or raised spots (often orange, yellow, brown, or black)
- Leaf curling or distortion

In severe cases, rust can cause premature leaf drop, stunted plant growth, and even plant death.

Most fungal infections are caused by specific fungal species that act on certain plant species. However, rust can be caused by 7000 species within 169. Any given species causes rust only in certain types of plants.

The 2025 VCE Pest Management Guide lists the plants below as susceptible to rust. Berries and roses were added to the list because they were referenced in many sources as being susceptible.

Susceptible Plants

(based on VCE PMG 2025)

<p>Vegetables</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asparagus• Beans• Sweet Corn <p>Fruit Trees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apple• <i>Berries*</i>	<p>Herbaceous</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aster• Dianthus• Chrysanthemum• Daylily• Goldenrod• Hollyhock• Jack-in-the-Pulpit• Mallow• Morning Glory• Snapdragon• Coreopsis• Oxalis• <i>Rose**</i>	<p>Woody Ornamental</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ash• Crabapple• Eastern Red Cedar• Flowering Pear• Hawthorn• Holly• Juniper• Oak• Pine• Serviceberry• St. Johns Wort• Willow
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NOTE: Not all plants are susceptible to all rust species

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For some plants, such as apple trees and serviceberries, two plants are necessary for the fungus to spread. Cedar apple fungus must move from a juniper tree, such as the Eastern Red Cedar, to an apple tree, and then spores must travel from the apple tree back to a juniper plant to reproduce the next generation.

As with all fungal infections, the disease cannot be cured, but it can be managed.

To avoid infections:

- Select disease-resistant varieties
- Avoid watering methods that leave the foliage wet overnight
- Promote good air circulation
- Avoid over-fertilization because it can lead to excessive new growth, which is more susceptible to the fungus.

If rust is observed on a plant:

- Pluck away infected leaves
- Cut back infected parts
- Apply fungicide to non-infected parts and other susceptible plants to avoid the spread of the disease

Neem oil is an organic product that can be used as a fungicide. Apply the neem oil early in the morning or at nighttime when bees are not typically active. A homemade fungicide can be made by mixing one tablespoon of baking soda into a gallon of water, along with a few drops of liquid soap to

help the mixture adhere to the leaves. Mix 40% milk with 60% water for another homemade fungicide. For herbaceous plants, reapply fungicide every 7-14 days. For trees, fungicides are only effective when applied in early spring.

Chemical controls should be used as a last option. Chemicals recommended by VCE for treating rust are listed in the following chart. This information comes from Tables 4.1, 4.2, and 4.3 in the PMG. The chart also provides example product names that contain those chemicals.

Chemical Controls – Ornamentals PMG Table 4.1, 4.2, 4.3

Triforine (Herbaceous)	→	Ortho Rose Disease Control
Myclobutanil (Herbaceous & Trees)	→	Fungi-Max (Monteray) F-Stop (Ferti-lome) Immunox Multi-Purpose Fungicide (Immunox)
Tebuconazole (Herbaceous & Trees)	→	Disease Control for Roses, Flowers, & Shrubs (Bioadvanced)
Mancozeb (Trees)	→	Mancozeb Flowable with Zinc (Bonide)

For Trees apply fungicides in early spring. Later applications are not effective. Follow label rates and intervals



Points to take away:

- Fungus needs a humid environment to grow
- Rust is somewhat different in that there are so many fungal species that can cause rust.
- As with any fungal disease, actions may be taken to prevent and to control the disease, but the disease cannot be cured.
- Rust is best managed by cultural control. Chemical fungicides should be used only as a last option.

Here are two informational videos from Virginia Tech featuring Plant Pathologist Mary Ann Hansen, who discusses common plant diseases in Virginia, including:

- Cedar Apple Rust (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kw1CMqorQKO>).
- Cedar-Quince Rust (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z0qpWlYJwPs>).

Ecology Corner

Using Vines in Your Garden

Story & Photography by **JUDY KINSHAW-ELLIS**, '15

Looking to add some height to your flower beds while you wait for new plantings to mature? Vines might be a good solution, and you can build or buy a trellis or tuteur. Tuteur is the French word, which in the garden means “trainer,” as in a place to train vines to climb. There are several native vines that grow pretty quickly and should cover a trellis in a season or two.

Some of the native vines I love in my garden are Purple Passion Vine (*Passiflora incarnata*), American Wisteria (*Wisteria frutescens*), and Coral Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*). Passion Vine dies back to the ground each winter, but American Wisteria and Coral Honeysuckle are woody, with Coral Honeysuckle retaining most of its leaves through the winter.

Purple Passion Vine is a fast-growing vine and spreads a bit too much for more manicured gardens. Someone in my family describes it as a backyard plant, so I have tried to keep it in the back. To me, it has one of the most spectacular blossoms, so I forgive its promiscuous nature and just pull it out where I do not want it to grow. It can be easily started from seed or obtained from someone who has it growing where they do not want it. Passion Vine can also make a nice ground cover when left to grow naturally.

American Wisteria also grows pretty fast once it is established. It resembles the Japanese variety that runs rampant through our woods but has shorter flowers. For what it's worth, the Asian variety appears to run rampant in the woods in Japan as well. If you plant an American Wisteria, it will need occasional pruning unless you have a large area to cover. It has a lovely pinnately compound leaf that would offer some privacy if grown on a fence.

Coral Honeysuckle has two naturally occurring varieties: 'Major Wheeler' is red, and 'John Clayton' is yellow. Although the names are in single quotes, they are naturally occurring and not cultivars. Japanese Honeysuckle is another invasive plant that should not be confused with our native honeysuckles, which are well-behaved in the garden. Our native plants can be propagated by using cuttings, but they will take some time to get established. Some years, my 'John Clayton' has bloomed year-round and kept its leaves throughout. It is definitely an early bloomer, appreciated by our migrating hummingbirds.

All of these vines thrive on trellises or fences. If you want to see Coral Honeysuckle growing on a trellis, check the meadow at the Williamsburg Botanical Garden and Freedom Park Arboretum. The ones in the garden are painted bright colors, making them easy to find.

If you're looking for something that grows quickly and adds beautiful flowers and foliage to your garden, consider some of our native vines. Keep in mind that while exotic varieties of vines have more showy flowers, our native vines are better suited for local birds and insects.



Rust Fungus at the Brickyard

Should it stay, or should it go?

JUDY KINSHAW-ELLIS, '15

Something is always happening at the Brickyard Landing Riparian Buffer Demonstration Garden. In June, volunteers donned gloves and masks to remove rust-infected berries from more than a dozen Serviceberry (*Amelanchier canadensis*) shrubs. The Serviceberries had put on a beautiful flower show earlier in the spring, but the abundance of rain encouraged a healthy crop of rust fungus to form on the trees' berries.

While we did not see that masks were recommended for working with rust, we decided to be cautious and wear them in addition to wearing disposable gloves. We also employed best management practices by cleaning our tools between cuts and by bagging and disposing of all infected fruit.

Rust fungus doesn't necessarily kill the tree, but it makes the fruit inedible and the leaves unsightly. We are interested in increasing and improving habitat at the park, so keeping the fruit healthy is important. We hope that by removing the infected fruit and raking up leaves in the fall, we will reduce the infection next year. We are also evaluating the use of a fungicide.

This fungus requires both the Serviceberry—or other plants in the rose family, like apples or pears—and plants from the juniper family, most likely Eastern Red Cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*). The cedar hosts the fungus through the winter. In the spring, wind carries spores to the Serviceberry. Although we do not have cedars planted in the Brickyard Landing gardens, they occur naturally in the nearby woods. We will continue to monitor the trees and shrubs for rust. If you have a Serviceberry in your landscape, check for rust and decide whether to treat it.

If you haven't seen the garden or haven't visited in a while, take a look or join us for a Monday or Thursday workday from 8 to 10 a.m. The Brickyard is located at 990 Brickyard Road, Toano. For more information, email Judy (kinshawellis@gmail.com) or Donna Benson (mid520@mac.com). The Brickyard is an exciting place!



Swale and Sweat at the Brickyard

JUDY KINSHAW-ELLIS '15

Fourteen volunteers did the heavy lifting and completed work on the dry riverbed at Brickyard Landing Park on June 30. Overall, they installed two dry riverbed swales that follow the path created by heavy rain events, using six tons of rocks. Each dry riverbed swale consists of three different sizes of rock, which helps slow water during heavy stormwater events and adds an element to the demonstration garden that visitors can see and replicate on their own properties.

We are very grateful to the new MG class for taking an interest in this project. They are an enthusiastic

crew and have made a big difference this summer. We also appreciate the people who come out on the days when we need a larger crew. Whether you have been faithful from the start, have just joined us, or you come out to work when you are called, please give yourself a big pat on the back. You make Brickyard grow!

Pictured are: Front row: Nina, Donna, and Judy. Back row: Dan, Mike, Steve, Mike, Bruce, Brad, Daniel, Anne, and Karen. Not in photo: Linda and Robin.



Clara Byrd Baker School Garden

GARY GRIFFITH '15

Clara Byrd Baker School is located at 3131 Ironbound Road, just down from the Governor's Green/Five Forks intersection with John Tyler Road. The school was named in 1989 for Clara Byrd Olivia Baker, a Williamsburg and James City County teacher who was a leader in interracial cooperation in the Williamsburg community from the 1920s through the 1960s. The school is known as the Baker Bears.

Previously, there was a school club, and the facilities were built with help from parents. It was a Master Gardener Project before, but it was discontinued during the COVID-19 pandemic. The garden was restarted in 2022 as a Student Health Improvement Program, or SHIP club. It was a program of the WJCC School Board for the next two years.

The format involves classes and activities for up to 20 third to fifth-grade students, meeting once a week for one hour. There have also been opportunities to hold classes for all 80 first-graders or third-graders for Earth Day or other special curriculum topics.

The facilities include an enclosed garden with six raised beds, a shed, and a stage with benches. A later addition to the garden, funded through a grant received by the CBB Principal, was an enhanced outdoor classroom with a canopy and picnic tables.

During renovation, we found abundant growth in the paths and beds. The sides of the raised beds needed replacement, which we accomplished with help from several families.

Our classes always start with safety and the proper use of garden tools. The children plant seeds and starters. They love getting into the soil, watering, and harvesting, although we need to keep these activities under control so they can return home relatively clean. We teach about seeds and germination, plant parts, soil, compost, vegetables, and herbs.

Other activities include maintaining a garden scrapbook of classes, leading them in garden projects, and educational games. One example is a relay game using a glove with Velcro to carry pollen balls until the "plants" are pollinated. Our resources and support come from Principal Mike Hurley, along with selected teachers, the PTA, parents, high school students, and a local arborist who donates wood chips.



While we don't always see the results of our efforts with students and families, we do receive feedback. This note from a parent, passed on from the Principal, highlights the positive impact this Garden Club has had on her daughter: "The school garden isn't perfect, but it is a place of learning. The classes aren't always orderly, but they are active. It's about students, what they learn, and what they do. It's where they realize they can grow their own food—perhaps their only chance to see it happen firsthand. And we believe that someday, they will be the gardeners—and maybe the Master Gardeners—of tomorrow."



Revolution at the Governor's Palace

BILL DICHTEL, '18

We experienced a break from the intense heat and even enjoyed a light breeze on Tuesday, July 1, while caring for the Herb Garden at the Governor's Palace, and our team of seven Master Gardeners achieved a lot. With Melissa's guidance and Melody and her crew supplying the plants, we planted six signet marigolds to add some color during the hot summer months while the dianthus is on summer break. We also did some weeding, including removing grass from our wonderful dandelion patch (grown at the Kitchen's request).

We trimmed back the 'overgrowers' in the garden, such as salad burnet, borage, oregano, and summer savory, which were encroaching on their neighbors' spaces. We added soil to the strawberry barrel, checked on the status of our plant signs that help visitors identify the herbs thriving in this garden, and gave everything a good watering. Then we headed out before it got too hot.

Our Master Gardener team included Janet, Jayce, Nancy, Tom, SueNell, Scott, and Bill. The Governor's Palace served as a focal point for political discussions and decision-making during the American Revolutionary War. To enjoy the gardens and appreciate this historic landmark, which hosted key figures and decision-makers of the time, come visit the Palace at 300 Palace Green St., Colonial Williamsburg, VA 23185.



Discover Water-Wise Gardening at the James City County Demonstration Garden

ELVIN AND KAY CLAPP '18

On Wednesday, July 2nd, we had an excellent work session at Water Wise. With the overnight accumulation of 0.7" of rain, the soil was in great shape for removing weeds and replanting a few perennials. We added a bird box to the garden, which can be seen by people inside and outside the building. We made almost 40 contacts, including younger kids who enjoyed the educational displays and children's activities.

The Water Wise Low-Maintenance Demonstration Garden, located at the James City County Human Services Center entrance, 5249 Olde Towne Road, serves as a model for sustainable gardening in Virginia's Peninsula region. The project started in 2003 to educate and inform the public about the benefits of water-wise and low-maintenance gardening. It showcases a variety of native and drought-tolerant plants that thrive in our local climate, requiring minimal water. This garden, located at the entrance of the Olde Towne Medical Center, is enjoyed by approximately 13,000 visitors each year. If you would like to learn more about this and other water-wise and low-maintenance gardens, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact us at waterwise@jccwmg.org.



Summer Vegetables in Mattey's Garden

JEFFREY MELLINGER '20

Monday, June 30, was a hot day at Mattey's Garden when master gardeners Jeff, Mike, Fred, and Debra harvested potatoes, carrots, onions, one large zucchini, four cucumbers, four yellow crooked-neck squash, and three jalapeno peppers. In total, they collected 49.5 pounds of fresh vegetables, which were donated to the House of Mercy. This team also planted various types of beans, watered the raised beds, cut the grass, and repaired and repainted the picnic table. Mattey's Garden is a hands-on learning garden at Matthew Whaley Elementary School, maintained by the James City County Williamsburg Master Gardeners, who also teach gardening to the students during the school year.



End of June in Shield's Garden

KATHY LYKINS '08

Seven volunteers deadheaded, weeded, watered, and cleaned the bricks to put Shields into top shape. You may recall that Shield's Tavern, located in Colonial Williamsburg on Duke of Gloucester Street, features a garden designed to reflect an 18th-century kitchen garden. The photos of the echinacea and the Rose of Sharon show that the garden is doing well. We are still looking forward to the rudbeckia, sunflower, and lobelia blooms, which will arrive a little later in the season. The bees on the echinacea are a welcome sight. Today's group of master gardeners included Liz, Pat A., Barb, Charlene, Sandra, Janet, and me.





Farmers Market Schedule for Summer 2025

Watch the Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cGRDOJOxKQ>

Month	Day	Where	Address
July	12	Williamsburg	345 W. Duke of Gloucester
	19	Williamsburg	345 W. Duke of Gloucester
	26	New Kent County	7589 New Kent Hwy
August	02	Williamsburg	345 W. Duke of Gloucester
	09	New Kent County	7589 New Kent Hwy
	16	Williamsburg	345 W. Duke of Gloucester
	23	Toano	7891 Richmond Rd.
September	06	Williamsburg	345 W. Duke of Gloucester
	13	Williamsburg	345 W. Duke of Gloucester
	20	Williamsburg	345 W. Duke of Gloucester
	27	Toano	7891 Richmond Rd.

For more information, click on this link: <https://jccwmg.org/wordpress/find-expert-gardening-help-at-the-farmers-marke/>





Comprised of over 200 master gardeners, the James City County Williamsburg Master Gardener Association serves the gardening public in Williamsburg, New Kent, Charles City, Upper York, and James City Counties.

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